

Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy

Senate Bill 447

Relating to: punitive damage awards.

By Senators Grothman, Schultz, Lazich and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Gundrum, Nischke, Musser, Krawczyk, Hahn, Owens, Albers, F. Lasee, Huebsch, Nass, Vos, Bies and Kestell.

November 22, 2005 Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy.

January 11, 2006 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Zien, Roessler, Grothman, Taylor and
Risser.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- James Buchen, Madison — WMC
- Glenn Grothman, Madison — Senator
- Bill Smith, Madison — NFIB
- Michelle Kussow, Madison — Wisconsin Grocers Association
- Jeff Schoenfeldt — AT&T
- Bill Skewes, Madison — WUA
- Michael Netz, Madison — Wisconsin Independent Businesses Inc.
- Eric Englund, Madison — Wisconsin Insurance Alliance
- Katherine Stadler — Wisconsin Insurance Alliance

Appearances Against

- Lynn Laufenberg, Greendale — State Bar of Wisconsin
- Kari Kinnard, Appleton — Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- Jeff Spitzer-Resnick, Madison — Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Robert Fassbender — Civil Trail Council of Wisconsin
- Robert Fassbender — Wisconsin Economic Development Association
- Robert Fassbender — Wisconsin Coalition for Civil Justice

- Bill Smith, Madison — Wisconsin Coalition for Civil Justice

Registrations Against

- Mark Reihl — Wisconsin State Council of Carpenters
- Joe Strohl, Madison — Operating Engineers - Local 139
- Steve Breitlow, Pewaukee — Plumbers Local 75
- Louis Pody, Beloit — Plumbers Local 75
- Jay Schmelling, Merrill
- Luman Eggleston, Madison
- Francis Faber, Madison — Steamfitter
- Mark Brounalker, New Lisbon — Operating Engineers Local 139
- Tim DeMinter, Spring Green — Iron Workers #383
- Jeffrey Leckwee, Madison — Brick Layers District Council of Wisconsin
- Mike Carey, Cottage Grove
- Scott Vaughn, Madison — Building Trades
- Bruce Coleman, Franklin — Heat & Frost Local #19
- Thomas Gasperetti, Milwaukee — Wisconsin Pipe Traders

January 18, 2006

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (5) Senators Zien, Roessler, Grothman, Taylor and
Risser.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Grothman, seconded by Senator Zien that
Senate Bill 447 be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (3) Senators Zien, Roessler and Grothman.

Noes: (2) Senators Taylor and Risser.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 3, Noes 2

Brian Deschane
Committee Clerk